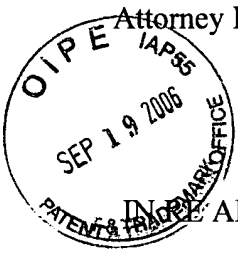


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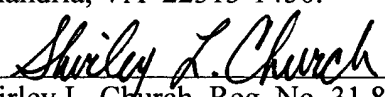
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification, mailed August 22, 2006, Applicants hereby submit an Annotated Drawing Sheet of Fig. 1, with changes marked in red which correctly label the subject drawing sheet as Fig. 1. Applicants also hereby submit a Replacement Drawing Sheet of Fig. 1 in which the reference to "Fig. 1A" has been amended to be properly labeled as "Fig. 1". Applicants inadvertently filed a formal drawing sheet 1 of 5 that contained a typographical error in which the drawing was labeled as "Fig. 1A", but should have been properly labeled as "Fig. 1".

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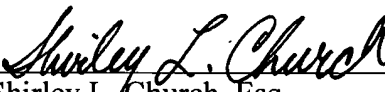
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### NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 9/23/2004 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figure 1 is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure 1A is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

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